

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(8)

TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: April 25, 2006

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing County
Manager to develop a three
to five year plan to provide
financial assistance to the
Public Health Trust

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of
Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan.



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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- ☐ Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- ☐ No committee review

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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4-25-06

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO
DEVELOP A THREE TO FIVE-YEAR PLAN TO PROVIDE
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH TRUST

WHEREAS, prior to 1991, Jackson Memorial Hospital had experienced severe financial difficulties and the County and the Public Health Trust sought relief for Jackson from the Florida Legislature; and

WHEREAS, in 1991 as a result of the efforts of the County and the Public Health Trust, the Florida Legislature passed the County Public Hospital Surtax codified at Section 212.055(5), Florida Statutes, which authorized the County to levy a 0.5 percent sales surtax pursuant to ordinance and upon approval by a majority vote of the electors of the County voting in a referendum; and

WHEREAS, on June 18, 1991, the County Commission passed Ordinance 91-64 codified at Article XII, Code of Miami-Dade County, which authorized the levy of the surtax as provided in Section 212.055(5); and

WHEREAS, at a Special Election held on September 3, 1991, the surtax was approved by a majority vote of the electors in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 212.055(5), the County is required to continue to contribute each year an amount equal to at least 80 percent of that percentage of the total County budget appropriated for the operation, administration and maintenance of Jackson Memorial Hospital from the County's general revenues in the fiscal ending September 30, 1991; and

WHEREAS, the required funding level is called and commonly known as the County's "Maintenance of Effort"; and

WHEREAS, the County has continued to contribute to the Trust the Maintenance of Effort as required by law, however, since the surtax took effect, the Public Health Trust has assumed financial responsibility for other healthcare-related initiatives formerly paid by the County (up to \$71.2 million); and

WHEREAS, as a result of these other County healthcare-related responsibilities, the rising costs of providing health-care services to the indigent, uninsured and under-insured, the expense to replace deteriorating systems, rising labor costs, and management and administrative challenges the Public Health Trust is experiencing financial difficulties and needs financial assistance from the County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board hereby directs the County Manager to develop a three to five-year plan to assist the Public Health Trust in addressing its financial difficulties. The plan should consider and determine the feasibility and extent of the County providing financial assistance to the Public Health Trust, as well as other strategies for funding the provision of health-care services to the indigent, uninsured, and under-insured. Further, as required by Section 212.055(5), Florida Statutes, the County shall continue to contribute to the Public Health Trust the required Maintenance of Effort and any additional financial assistance to be provided to the Public Health trust shall be in addition to the statutorily-required Maintenance of Effort.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan and offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Joe A. Martinez, Chairman
Dennis C. Moss, Vice-Chairman

Bruno A. Barreiro
Audrey M. Edmonson
Sally A. Heyman
Dorrin D. Rolle
Katy Sorenson
Sen. Javier D. Souto

Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Carlos A. Gimenez
Barbara J. Jordan
Natacha Seijas
Rebeca Sosa

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 25th day of April, 2006. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

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Eugene Shy, Jr.

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